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TOPIC Air Activity Observed at Pilzen - Bory Airfield 25X1

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Almost every day during the period from January 1947 to November 1954, 25X1 air activity was observed over Pilzen-Bory (4943 N/1320 E) airfield. Aircraft observed aloft included single-engine low-wing monoplanes with rounded rudder and elevator assemblies, 1 biplane with square wing tips and elevator assembly and twin-engine commercial aircraft of type Li-2.
2. Almost every day during the summer months of 1954 when there was favorable weather, the low-wing monoplanes with one piston engine made large and small local flights of up to 15 minutes duration. These aircraft also flew in formations of two and three. When flying in the latter formation, the distance between the individual aircraft was 100 meters. No firing practices or air combat exercises were observed. Once a week, a biplane appeared over the field making local flights at an altitude of between 100 and 200 meters, even in dull weather.
3. A twin-engine aircraft daily took off from the southern section of the landing field which, according to rumors, was a civilian airfield. The take-off was made between 0900 and 1000 and the landing at 1700 or 1800.
4. On 28 October 1954, the "Day of the Republic", about 60 soldiers parachuted with white chutes from 3 or 4 twin-engine aircraft from an altitude between 300 and 400 meters. Weapons or instruments were not dropped on parachutes.

                     Comment.                      the aircraft observed flying were presumably Il-10s. This indicates that at least one ground attack regiment is stationed at Pilzen-Bory airfield. 25X1

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